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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dos Santos, *et al.*) Examiner: Cordero Garcia, M. M.
Serial No.: 10/563,276)
Filed: January 4, 2006) Art Unit: 1654
For: Protein from photobacterium damselae) Attny Docket: VA/H-33271A
and use thereof) Confirmation No.: 4311
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AMENDMENT & REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam/Sir :

This submission is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 17, 2009.

Also submitted herewith is a Declaration of Andrew C. Barnes under 37 C.F.R. §1.132; and accompanying exhibits.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 is concurrently submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge Deposit Account No. **09-0528** in the amount of: \$810.00 covering the fee set forth in 1.17(e) for the RCE; and \$490.00 covering the fee set forth in 1.17(a)(2) for an extension for reply through January 19, 2010 (the 17th being a Sunday; the 18th being a holiday).

No other fees are believed to be due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge Deposit Account No. **09-0528** for any appropriate fees that may be due in connection with this submission.

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